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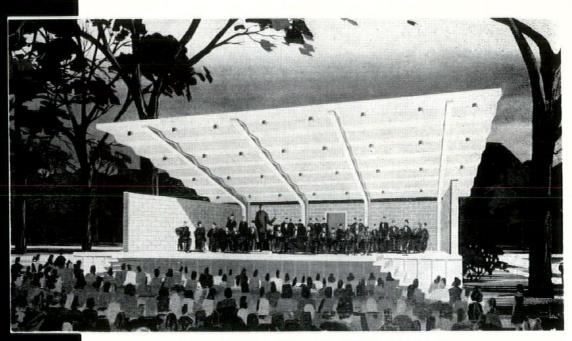






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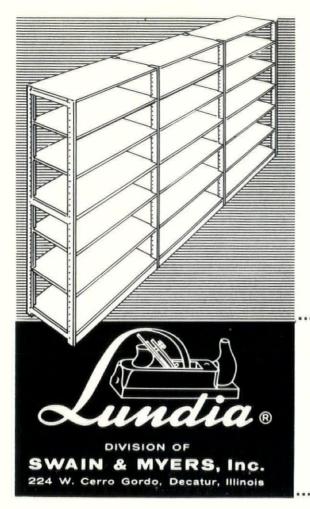
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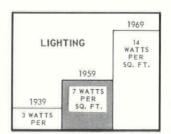
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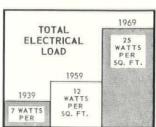
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- NORTHEAST DIVISION new officers elected recently are: Melvin Siewert, AIA, President; Robert Sauter, AIA, Vice-President; Lawrence Bray, AIA, Secretary-Treasurer; and Leonard Reinke, AIA, Northeast Division Director to replace Karel Yasko, AIA. Julius Sandstedt remains in office as the second Division Director.
- THE WISCONSIN REGISTRA-TION BOARD of Architects and Professional Engineers has announced architectural examinations to be held April 18-21, 1960. The closing date for entrance to this examination is February 18, 1960. Application should be made to the Wisconsin Registration Board of Architects and Professional Engineers, State Office Building, Madison 2, Wisconsin.
- THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE of the Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, has received Health and Surgical insurance plan proposals from ten companies and has begun an intensive study of insurance rates. Chapter members will be notified of the findings of the committee.
- ROGER C. KIRCHHOFF, recently retired State Architect was the subject of the following resolution passed by unanimous vote of the Wisconsin Registration Board of Architects and Professional Engineers:

"Whereas our long-time associate and friend Roger C. Kirchhoff has served the State of Wisconsin with distinction since 1938 in his capacity as State Architect, and

"Whereas he has served his profession and this Board faithfully and has contributed greatly to its deliberations and work, and

"Whereas he has always promoted the interests of the young men of the State in professional advancement,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Members of the Wisconsin Registration Board of Architects and Professional Engineers express their appreciation of his services, his company and his friendship as he retires from active duty and spread these sentiments on the official Minutes of the Board."

• ARTHUR O. REDDEMANN, AIA, has been elected to a three-year

term on the Board of Directors for the Elm Grove-Brookfield Chamber of Commerce.

- JAMES H. BELL, 2153 North 62nd Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, an employee of the firm of Schutte, Phillips, Mochon, Inc., is the newest Architect-in-Training enrollee.
- SPEAKERS for the architectural profession on high school "career" days included: Wallace R. Lee, Jr., AIA, at Rufus King High School; Joseph Tarillion at Custer High School. Richard W. E. Perrin, AIA, spoke at the Glendale Women's Club on the subject of "Historic Wisconsin".
- FREDERICK J. SCHWEITZER, AIA, Chairman, Milwaukee Division, Home Building Committee, has written all members of the Milwaukee Division, Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, regarding the Metropolitan Builder's Association requirement that each of the 1960 "Parade" homes be the work of a registered architect.

According to Schweitzer, the action of the MBA was "the result of some four years of friendly and cooperative association of joint builder-architect committees working for a unity between the two prime elements necessary in the production of the best possible house in the merchant builder field."

Schweitzer said, "To effect this achievement locally for our profession, your AIA committee, after careful study of local problems in this field, concluded that this is the time for a progressive, enterprising overture to the local builders by the architects. We have insisted in our AIA-NAHB meet-

ings that the builder-architect "Team" is the only solution to the complicated needs of this tremendous field of building. Your committee, also has recognized that the word (team) in this sense literally means a partnership in effort."

"Entry into the Parade of Homes is not a profitable venture for the builder a factual study indicates, the sole reward being resulting publicity and promotion of his product," Schweitzer explained. "High land development costs, a one thousand dollar entry fee, the cost of doing an extra good job in a compressed period of time, and all other attendant expenses in sales work, etc., make the Parade home a considerable financial risk to the entrant."

Because of this recognition of the builder's risk, the importance to the profession of the architect's introduction into the program, and a desire to bring about a partnership relation, the committee has tailored a proposal for architectural services on problems relating to the 1960 Parade. Schweitzer stressed, "It should be borne in mind that this is a recommendation to the membership for a unified professional approach, that it relates only to this coming Parade, and that it is not and cannot represent a long range contract setup for architect-builder work. The plan stresses opportunity not profit."

Further information regarding the proposal may be secured from Chairman Schweitzer whose Division committee members include Douglas Drake, Charles Harper, Willis Leenhouts, Clinton Mochon, Maurice Merlau, Thomas Slater and A. A. Tannenbaum.

• THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS Board of Directors at its Portland, Oregon meeting in November issued the following statement:

The American Institute of Architects calls upon its local chapters and individual members to take the lead in improving our cities by advancing a coordinated approach to planning for community building and rebuilding.

Our first priority in this coming decade must be to make our communities more liveable, efficient and beautiful.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, pays tribute to the memory of William G. Herbst, AIA, who died November 8, 1959

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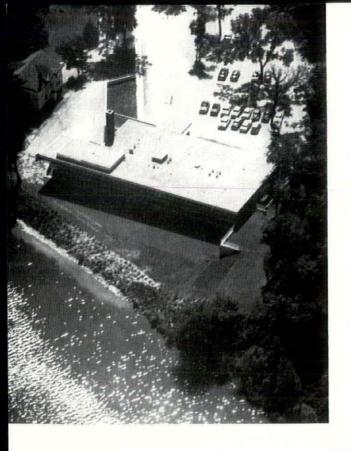
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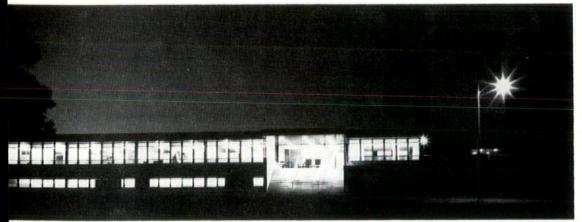
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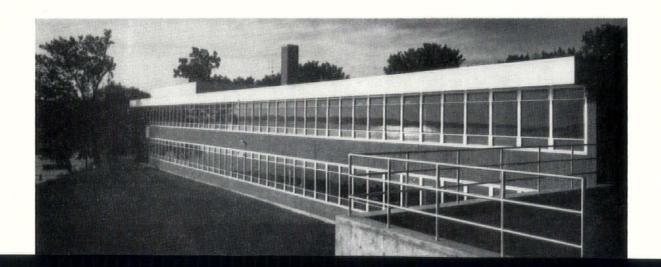
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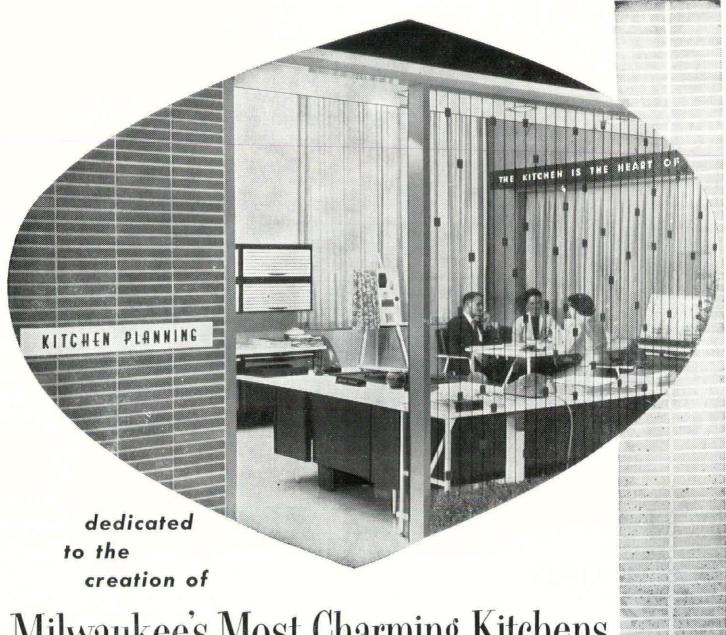
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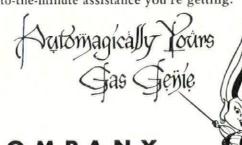


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Donald Gutzmann

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and possibly in the nation.

Architect Donald H. Gutzmann,

AIA, states he began thinking seriously about pre-stressed concrete as a solution to this building problem when he and other architects and engineers visited Nashville last spring. Concrete Research, Inc. conducted the group on an inspection tour of a pre-stressed concrete multi-story parking structure.

Gutzmann says his decision to use pre-stressed concrete was based on the following factors:

Economy: This very economical material would permit the builder to

use the money saved for better office furnishings. Its fireproof qualities met Industrial Commission standards, yet the insurance rates were lower than those for other materials.

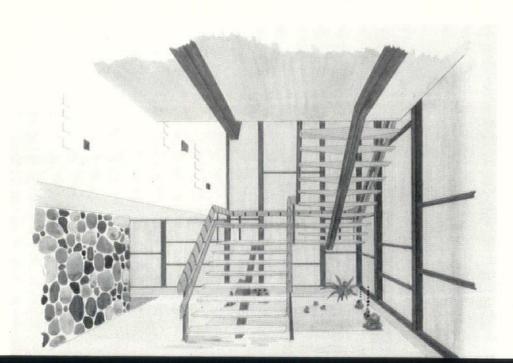
Timing: Rapid erection of the building was important to the client, and pre-stressed concrete was the speediest method available. The sooner the building was complete, the sooner the owner could lease space.

Flexibility: The unusually large open spaces achieved by the use of prestressed concrete permitted easy and early mobility of partitions to suit the needs of tenants.

Design Needs: The client wanted a first floor parking area which dictated the need for space as a structural feature. The eleven foot cantilever on the front of the building, which Gutzmann termed "an important design element" could be achieved well with pre-stressed concrete.

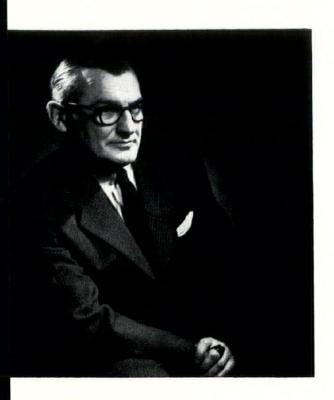
The precast terrazzo stairway is designed to the maximum allowable in Wisconsin. It is being fabricated locally according to the architect's specifications.

Declaring himself "unafraid to pioneer," Gutzmann has striven to provide his client with "something different" using lastest structural methods.



Mossics in Architecture

by Edmund Lewandowski



As an artist, I am pleased to see a revival of activity between modern architecture and modern art. When I use the word "modern" I mean the progressive, alive, advancing work in both fields. As with any new endeavor most thoughtful consideration must be given. An architect who decides to use art is presumably motivated by two considerations: (1) The esthetic and formal reason for which the art is to serve—factors such as embellishment, emphasizing the relationships of scale, form and space; in addition to this the elements of color, texture, and pattern. (2) The element of communication, the purpose of design and statement.

As one who has had numerous opportunities to work with architects, I have developed over the years an understanding and philosophy which dictates that a work of art become an integral part of the whole. To arrive at and achieve this point the artist must take several factors into consideration: Spirit of the design of the building, proportions, texture, color, etc.

In my study of the Milwaukee War Memorial project (Editor's note: Architect Eero Saarinen, FAIA; Associate Architect, Maynard W. Meyer, AIA), I approached each factor on a completely independent basis. My chief concern was to find the most compatible use of the material in color relationships, texture, and scale. I

approached each problem and each project on a very personal basis, independent of what I might have done before in interpretation of my previous projects. For the Memorial Center problem, there was a feeling that the glass mosaic as we know it — Byzantine (uniform cubes of color) was not the answer. Therefore my initial exploration was in the area of taking the tessera and enlarging the scale. After considerable experimentation I moved in the direction of combining glass tessera with stone and marble. This was done primarily to achieve a more luminous and textured surface.

The building was very carefully studied throughout a period of a year under various climatic conditions noting the changes of light and shadow pattern on the building. During this period over 100 color samples were tested on the building for the various intensities and light reflecting and absorbing qualities. Also thoughtful study and concern were given to color as it would appear under artificially illuminated conditions. The purpose of this program of experimentation was to develop a unity of colors so that the character of the murals would remain constant under any climatic and light conditions.

The approach to design in mosaic is very similar to that which the artist uses in pigment. You have multiple colors, you have various ranges — various degrees, and the whole illusion, the effect, is achieved when you place one color against the other or one area of color against the other. Your first impression when you look at mosaic or any area of color is that it is made up of a lot of singular areas of color; except that after a few moments your eye begins to work and blend and pretty soon you see all of these particles of color fusing into one whole.

In working with mosaic as a medium of mural decoration, I believe the artist must learn to utilize his skill to conform within the functions of the architecture. It goes without saying that the artist wants a work of art, but he must not consider his work as an independent piece of art, but rather one which has a very direct and harmonious relationship with the architecture, the setting of the work which he is contemplating.

In a project involving art and architecture, a close understanding between the artist and the architect takes place. For the architect it means thoughtfully deciding, as part of his basic concept, what and where he wants art; how it is to articulate in this structure. He must, if you will, be himself a little more of an artist. For an artist, this may not mean the stifling of his own talent. In fact the disciplines and challenges of boundaries and limitations may even inspire the artist to greater intensity and personal expression. Perhaps he will learn much from being a little more of an architect himself.

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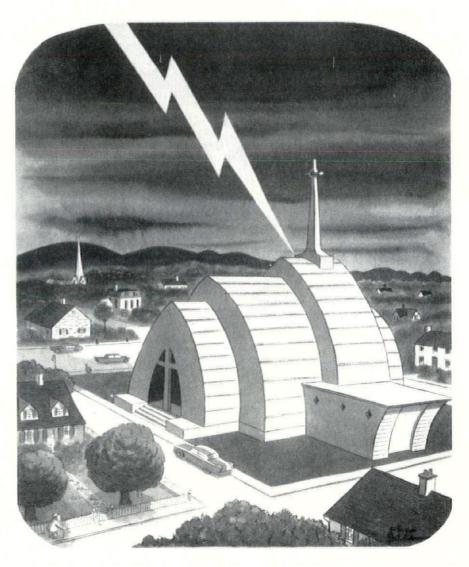
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The decay of our cities is overtaking our limited on-again, off-again renewal efforts. Our national pride, the continuation of our high standard of living and our leadership of the free world demand sound and continuing redevelopment programs based on proper planning and design.

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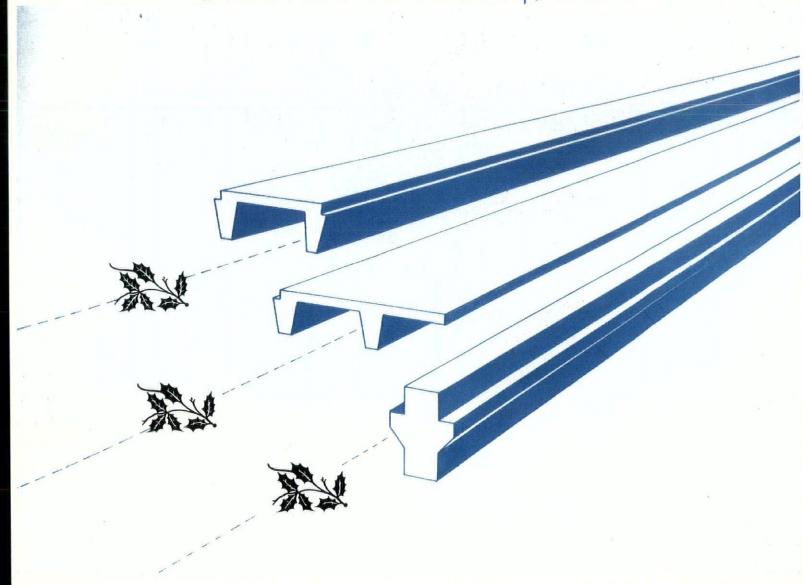
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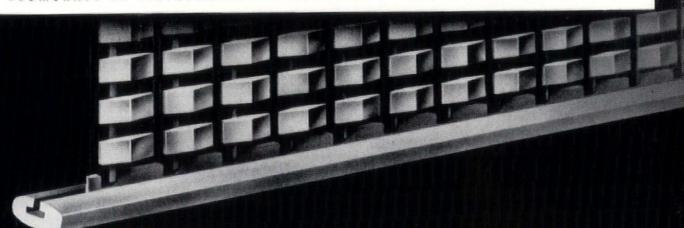
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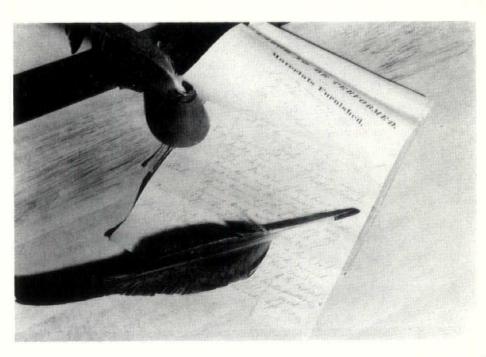
"Plastering." All the interior walls, partitions and ceilings above the basement story, will be plastered two coats of brown mortar and one of hard white finish, and will be made straight and true, screeded to grounds to receive the joiner work, and thoroughly trowelled down. The side walls will be plastered down to the floor. The walls behind the wainscoting in the kitchen and bath room, will have one coat of brown mortar, thoroughly trowelled down.

All the mortar for plastering the interior, will be com-

posed of clean, sharp sand and fresh burnt lime, of approved quality, and *slaughtered* hair properly compounded, to insure a good cement and a first class job. The mortar shall be mixed at least four days before commencing to put it on, and very little water will be used in tempering it up. The second coat of brown mortar will not be put on until after the scratch coat is dry. The hard finish will be made of the best selected lump lime, plaster of paris and marble dust trowelled down in a thorough manner. All the mortar to be used about the building will be kept under cover. Lathing to be done by the plasterer

"Finishing." Put up cornices all around as indicated by the plans and details and finish them *generally* on such sides of the building as are not shown by the drawings, similar to those which are shown, always however following the detail drawings. Line the roof with good common boards, and nail them thoroughly to the rafters. Make cradles in the cornices for gutters as per details, giving them bottom of the cradle a gradual inclination towards the place of outlet, and leave the arrizes of the gutter, straight and in order . . .

"Main Stairs." Build the main hall stairs with a plain front string, with returned 3/4 inch bead at lower edge. Where the hall base strikes this string turn the molding of the base down to the floor, on an angle with the under edge of the string. The back string will be molded the same as the hall base, and cased off with the base at top and bottom. . . . Put two 2½ inch fancy turned balusters on each flyer tread. Put up a 9 inch fancy turned newel, and a five inch molded rail. The rail balusters and newel are to be made of good well seasoned black walnut.



The Wisconsin Architect wishes one and all a very very merry merry

Christmas

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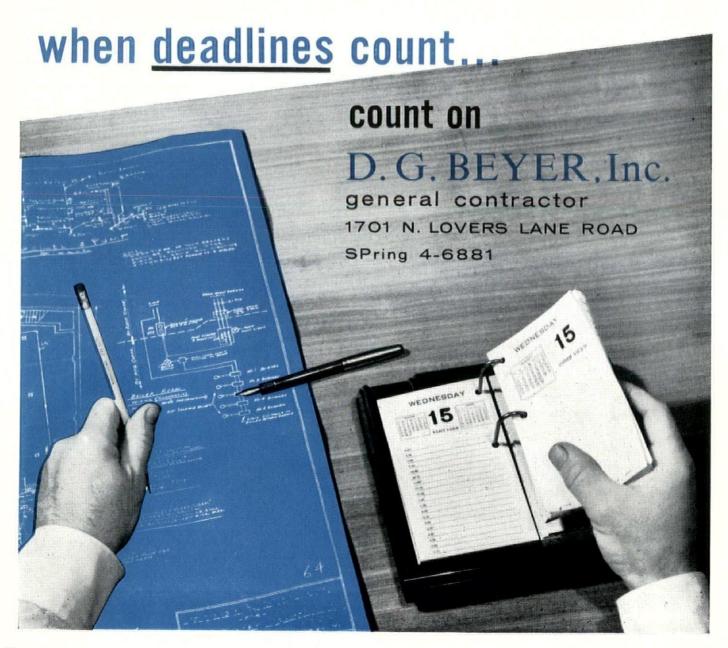
The Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, welcomes the following who recently have been accepted or advanced in membership:



JOAN E. CHAPIN, Junior Associate, Madison, was born in 1936 in Evanston, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Illinois in 1959, and presently is a draftsman with the Madison firm of Siberz, Purcell and Cuthbert

ALLEN F. W. FOSS, AIA, was born December 12, 1913 in Chicago. He received his Bachelor of Architectural Engineering in 1935 from the University of Michigan. Since January 1946 he has had his own Milwaukee office, now Foss-Jansman, Inc.

GEORGE H. HINKENS,AIA, Milwaukee, has advanced from Associate member. He was born in Chicago in 1926 and is registered to practice architecture both in Illinois and Wisconsin. He received his Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Illinois Institute of Technology and started his own firm in November, 1955.



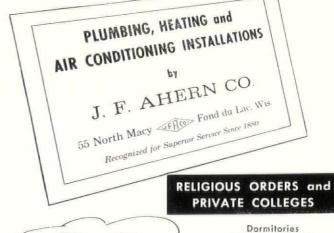
GERVASE C. SAKSEFSKI, a Junior Associate, South Milwaukee, attended Marquette University and in 1959 received a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is a draftsman with the firm of Rasche, Schroeder, Spransy Associates, Milwaukee.



DOUGLAS H. SMITH, AIA, Chippewa Falls, has advanced from Junior Associate. He was born in Detroit in 1926 and received his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering from Iowa State College in 1951. He has been a principal in the Eau Claire firm of Larson, Playter and Smith since 1958. His hobbies are golf, skiing and fishing.



JAMES D. THALMAN, AIA, was born September 16, 1927 in Milwaukee. He has been with the Milwaukee architectural firm of Edmund J. Schrang since May, 1948. His hobbies are photography and woodworking.





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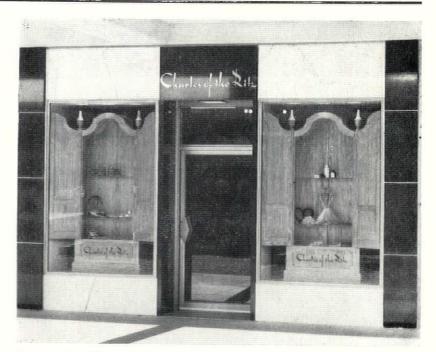
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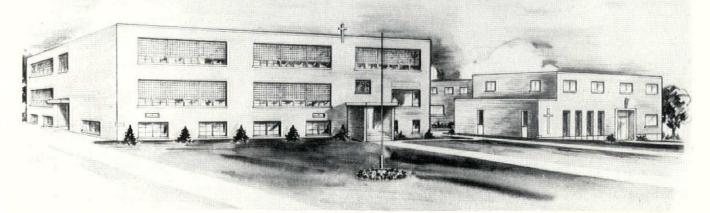
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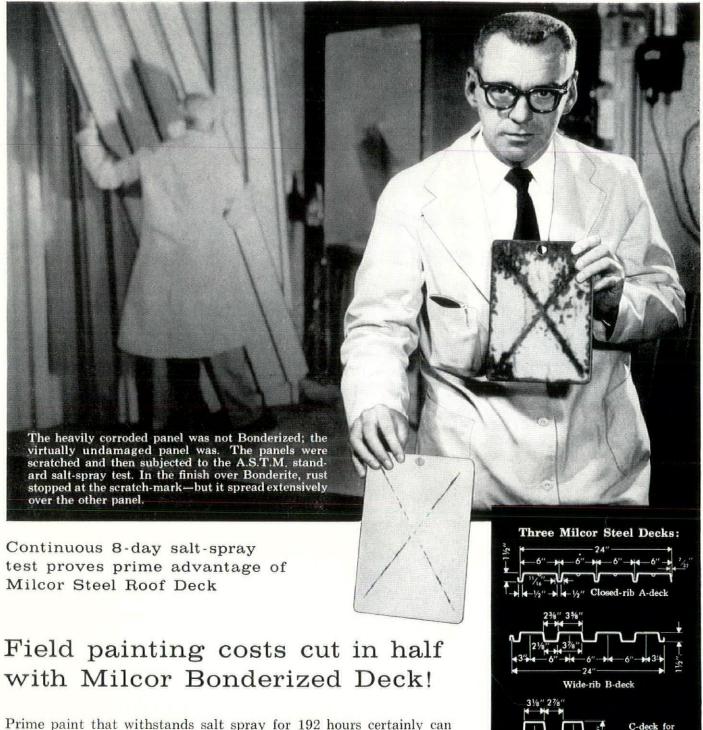
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